

A special meeting of the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held on Wednesday, July 15, 2009 was called to order by Commissioner Richard, Chair, at 3:05 p.m. in rooms 320/321 of the Public Health Center, 1101 West College Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

## **PRESENT**

Councilman Dick Denenny  
Councilman Bill Gothmann, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Mark Richard, Chair  
Board Member Susan Norwood, EdD, RN

## **ABSENT**

Councilman Michael Allen  
Councilman Steve Corker  
Councilman David Crump  
Commissioner Bonnie Mager  
Commissioner Todd Mielke  
Mayor Mary Verner  
Board Member Michael Fisk, DC  
Board Member Bob Lutz, MD, MPH

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING STUDY SESSION – Commissioner Richard**

Following roll call, Chair Richard explained the intent of this special meeting which was to give Board of Health members who did not participate in the Spokane Regional Health District's 2009-2014 Strategic Planning Process an opportunity to understand the process and strategies and give thoughts and ideas to adopt the Strategic Plan at the July 23, 2009 Board of Health meeting. The Planning Process was presented at the June 25, 2009 regular Board of Health meeting and the adoption was tabled in order to hold a special study session for members of the Board.

Elaine Conley, Director of Community and Family Services, who facilitated the strategic planning process, gave an overview of the process as had been given at the June 25, 2009 Board of Health meeting. Following her overview, Board members engaged in discussion:

- Board members asked questions and were given explanations in order to better understand the process and intent of the plan.
- Public health is shifting from a client level service to a community or population-based service and toward policy development. The Health District owns two copies of the DVD entitled "Unnatural Causes . . . is inequality making us sick?" This four-hour documentary explores racial and social inequalities in health which may provide an understanding for the broader focus of public health.
- The Goal Statement Action Plans are works in progress and still need refinement. The Action Plan teams will need to build in some measurements with base line levels and then build competencies. Gantt timeline charts will be developed for every action in every goal. To assure progress and accountability, goal teams will give progress reports on a regular basis to the Health District's Joint Management Team and to the Board of Health as outlined on page 10 of the planning document.

- A brief overview of each Goal Statement Action Plan was presented by a member of the Health District's Executive Management Team who is a member of the team that was formed to develop the goal statement actions.
- During the overview of Goal #5, Practice Collaborative, Integrative Leadership, a suggestion was made to add overall BOH engagement to operate together such as described in a governance manual; for training and integration of board members to formalize the process; and for board succession. A concern brought up at the last meeting to add the Board's fiduciary responsibility is an assumed responsibility.

After discussion, it was agreed to recommend adoption of the Strategic Planning document as presented and then discuss adding a new Goal #8 to address the BOH engagement (as suggested during the overview of Goal #5). The new goal would be adopted by the BOH at a later date. Chair Richard will express that thought at the July 23, 2009 regular meeting.

Board members who were able to attend this study session thanked staff for input and answering questions during the study session.

#### **NEXT BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**


The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2009.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

APPROVED:   
Board of Health Chair

Date: 7/23/09

  
Recording Secretary